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1. At Halberstadt (D27), Spiegelbergweg is closed at both ends by means of barriers beginning at the military hospital on Spiegelstrasse and extending as far as the "Klein Bahnhof". On one side of the road two buildings are occupied by a so-called "special staff", and in the remaining houses officers of the staff are billeted with their families. The ranks of the officers range from lieutenant to general. Two generals were observed. On the other side of the road four or five buildings are occupied by officers and troops. The Germans call them "the GPU". Soviet soldiers who work there call themselves "Stalin's Guard". They wear red armbands which have three letters. Their task is to control military personnel but they also arrest civilians (mostly women) for attempting to obtain information from drunken soldiers.
2. On Spiegelstrasse (between Sommerbad and the woods) there are large ex-German barracks occupied by a large unit. The men wear black shoulder straps and black cap bands with red piping (artillery). Officers live in villas in a side street.
3. There are extensive barracks on Ulmenstrasse which have been damaged by bombing. They are occupied by a large number of Soviet troops. Horses, vehicles of various kinds, and cattle were observed.
4. Military Hq are located in Thalmanstrasse (previously Rosestr.). No pedestrians are allowed on the side of the street occupied by the Hq, which is guarded by sentries. Five houses are occupied by the Soviets, the center building by the Hq. The remainder are occupied by Soviet officers and their families.

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